

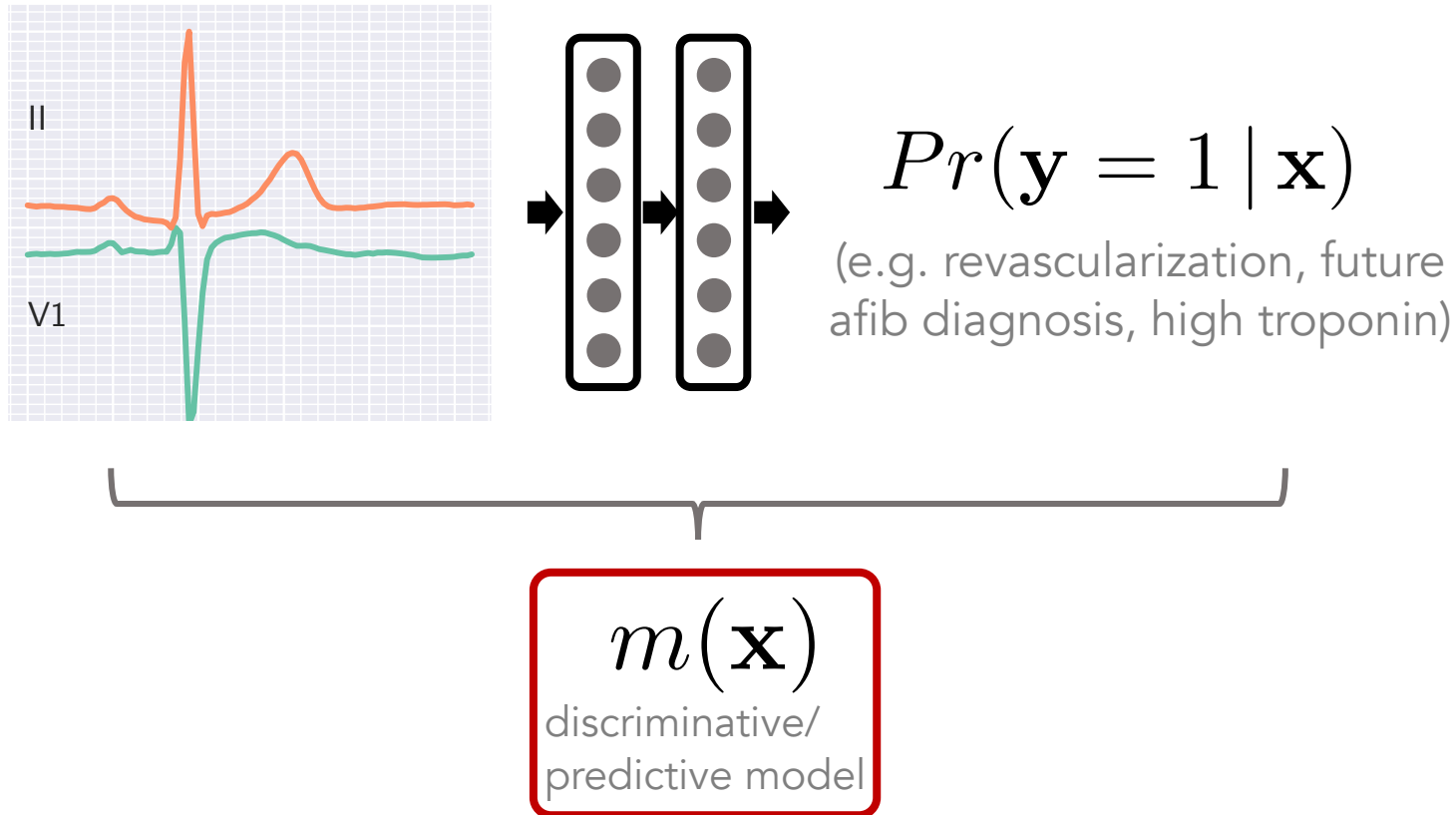
# Discriminative Regularization for Latent Variable Models with Applications to Electrocardiography

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# Black-Box Predictors



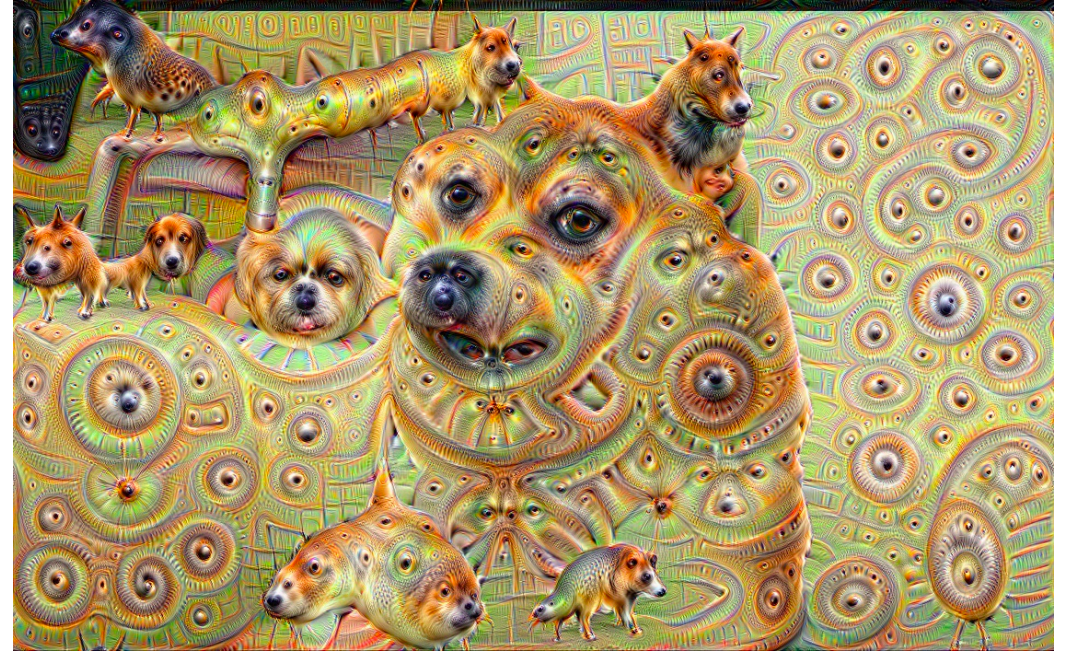
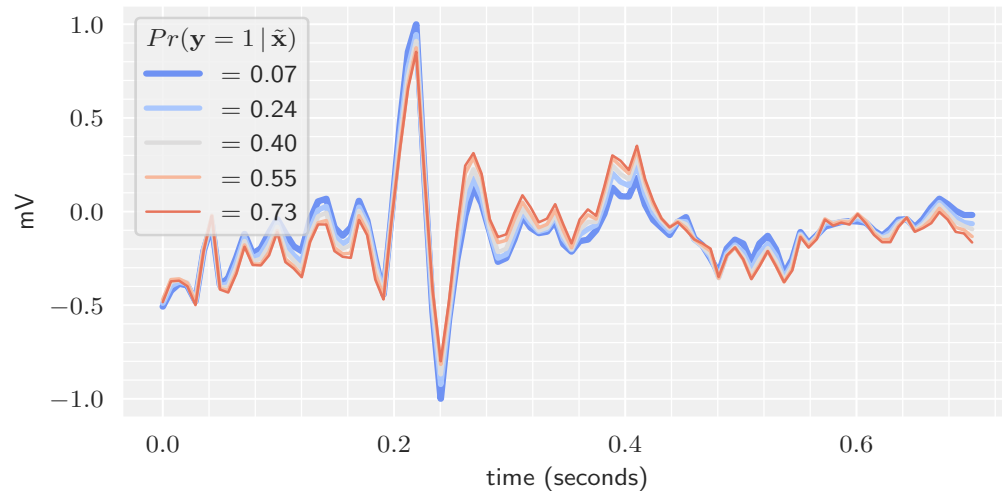
Accurately assess (some) disease risk.

What is the algorithm "seeing"?

# Gradient-based Explanations

Follow naive gradient (e.g. saliency maps)

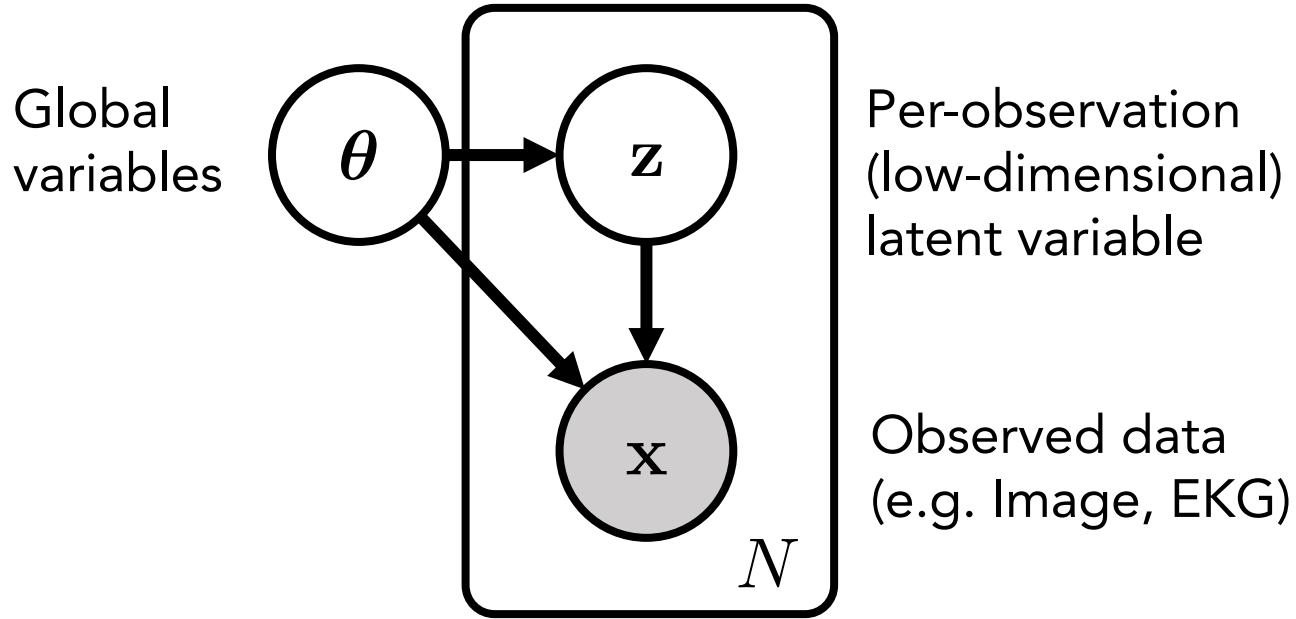
$$\nabla_{\mathbf{x}} m(\mathbf{x})$$



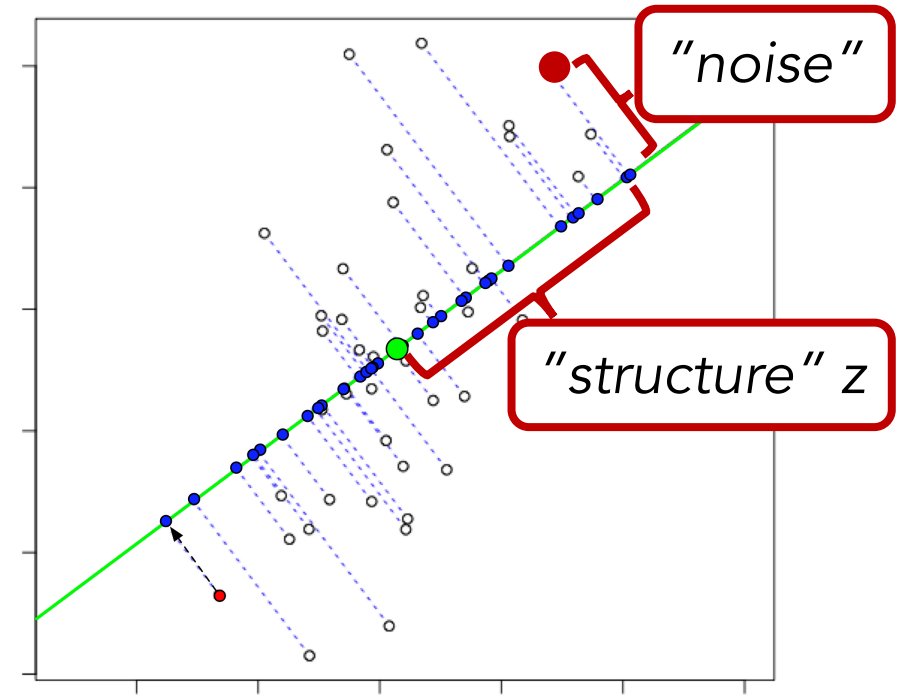
Gradient is a local object; ignores global structure in  $\mathbf{x} \in \mathcal{X}$ .

Want to explore *realistic predictive features*.  
Need to *model* the structure in  $\mathbf{x}$

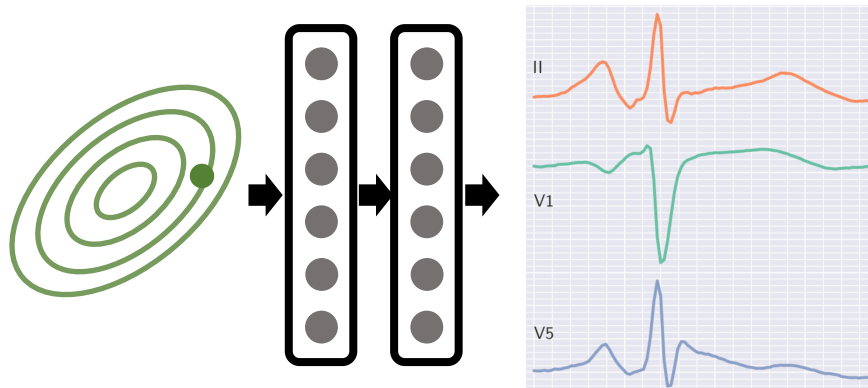
# Generative Latent Variable Models



Structure vs. Noise  
e.g. probabilistic PCA

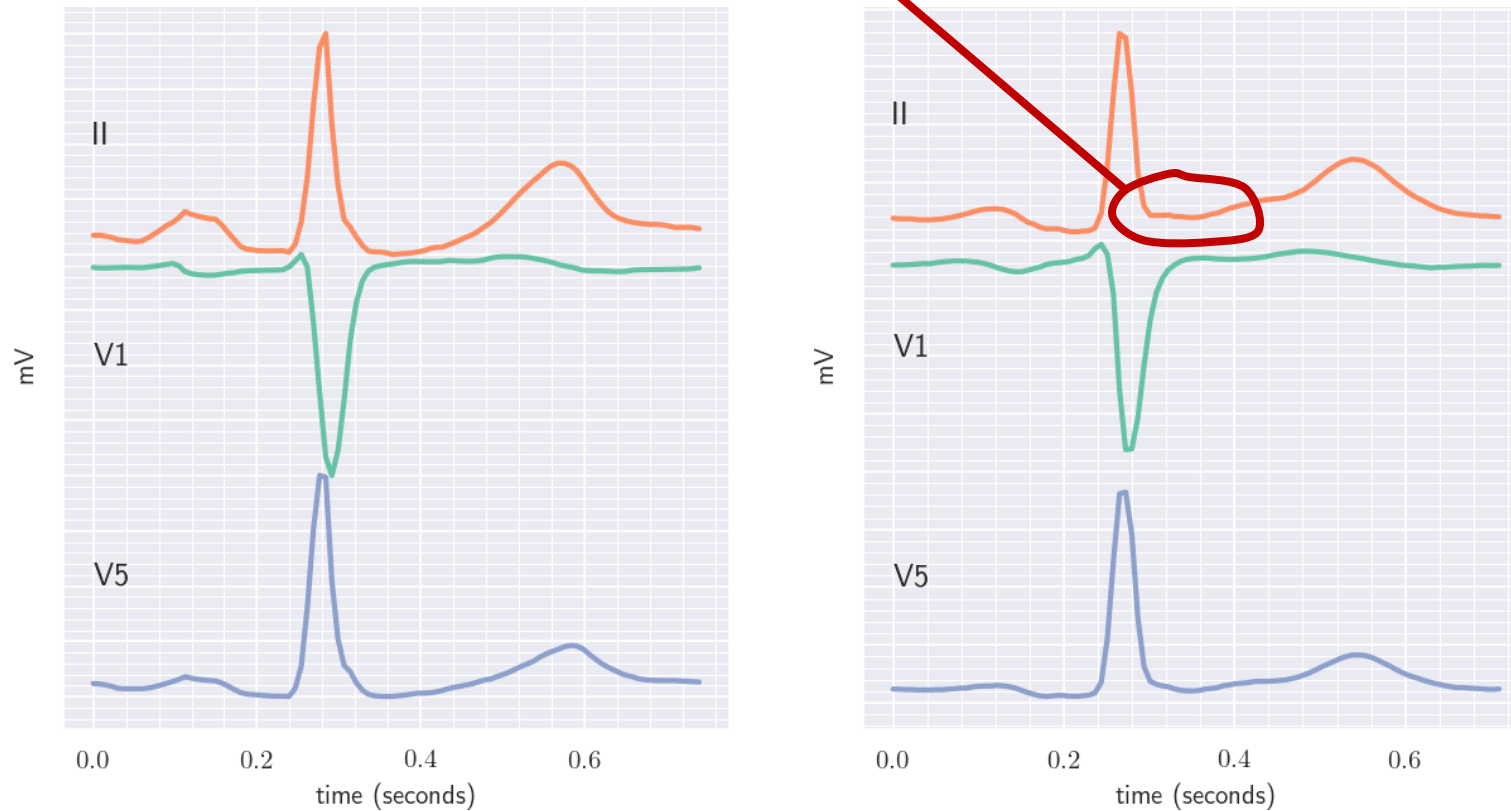


Deep Generative Models:

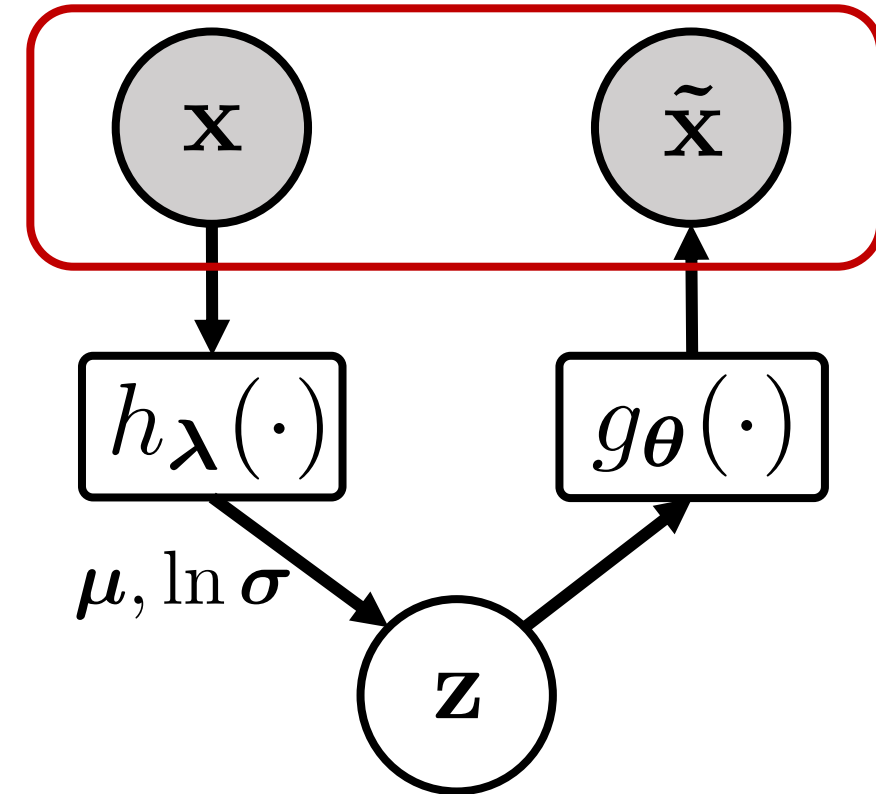


# Unsupervised Models Drawbacks

ST elevation



maximum likelihood preserves features with high variability – like non-linear PCA



How to make  $z$  sensitive to subtle features?

# Discriminatively Regularized VAE (DR-VAE)

## DR-VAE Objective

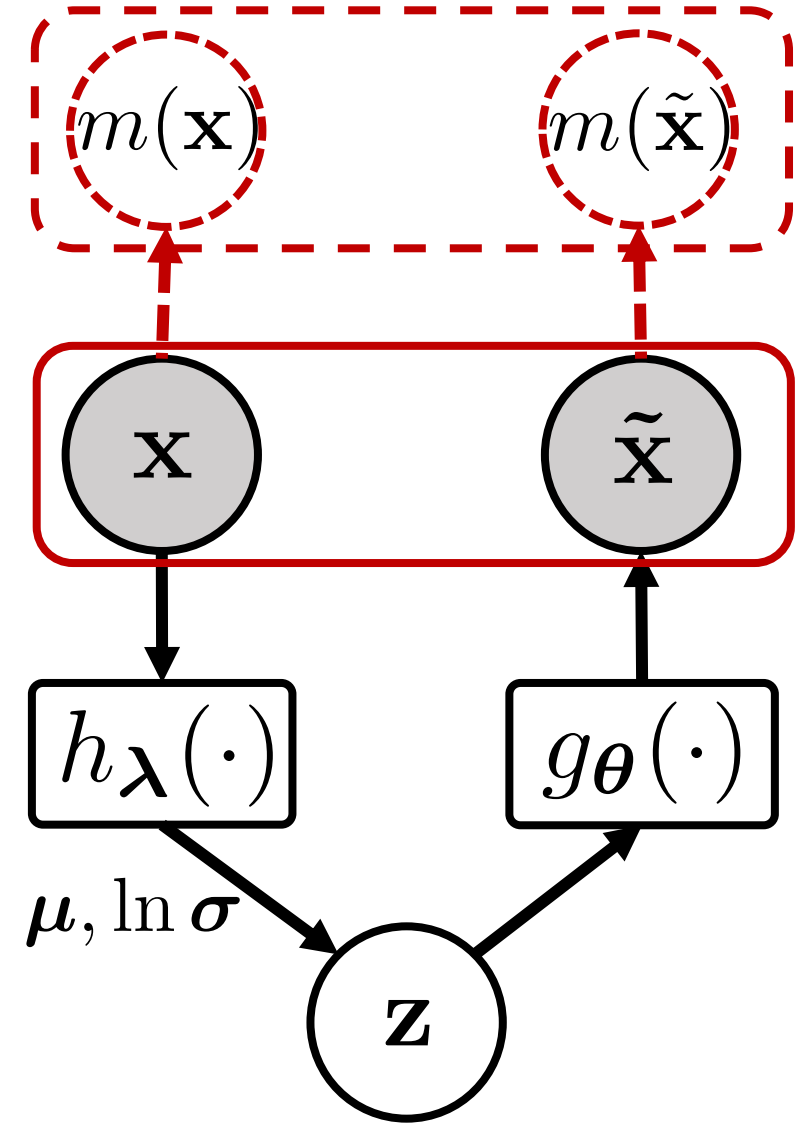
$$\mathcal{L}_{discrim}(\boldsymbol{\theta}, \boldsymbol{\lambda}) = D_{KL}(m(\mathbf{x}) \parallel m(\tilde{\mathbf{x}}))$$

$$\mathcal{L}_{dr-vae}(\boldsymbol{\theta}, \boldsymbol{\lambda})$$

$$= \mathcal{L}_{elbo}(\boldsymbol{\theta}, \boldsymbol{\lambda}) + \beta \cdot \mathcal{L}_{discrim}(\boldsymbol{\theta}, \boldsymbol{\lambda})$$

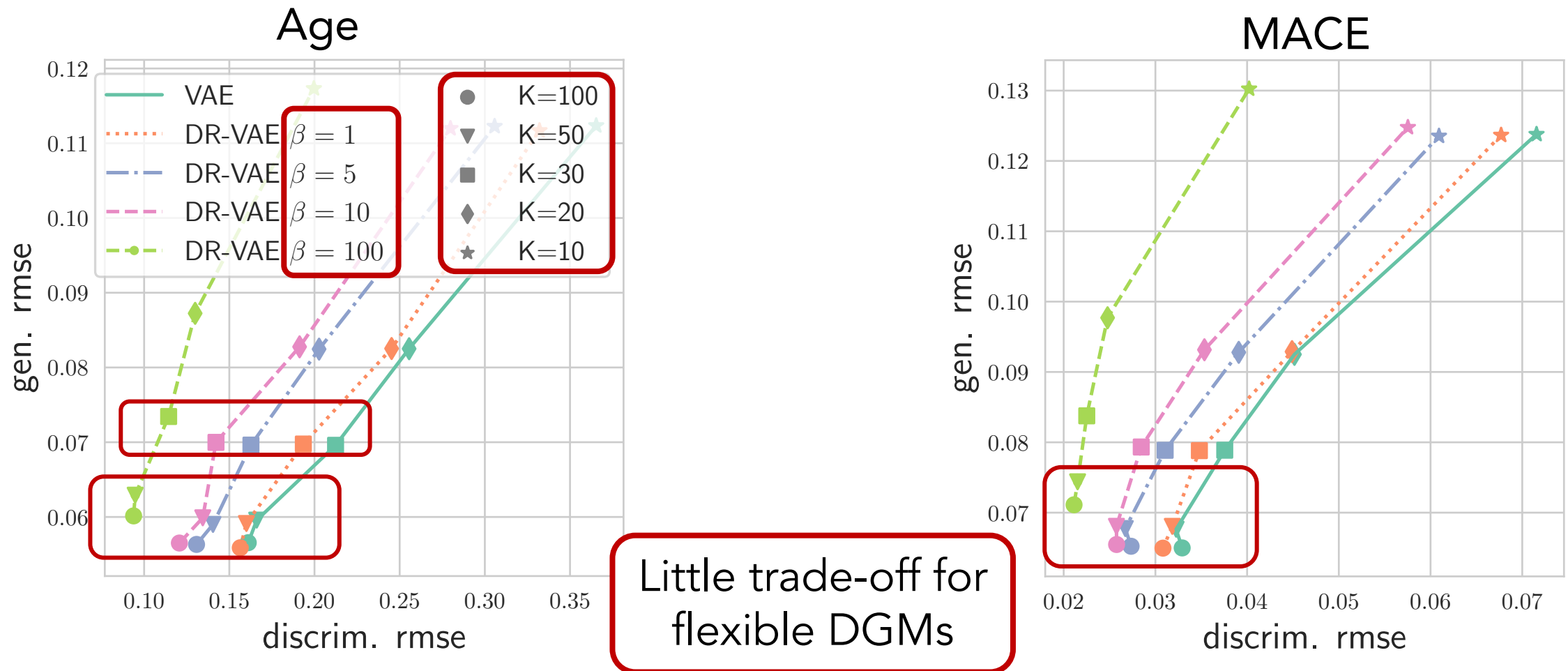
typical VAE obj.

discrim. regularizer



# EKGs: Discriminative-Generative Tradeoff

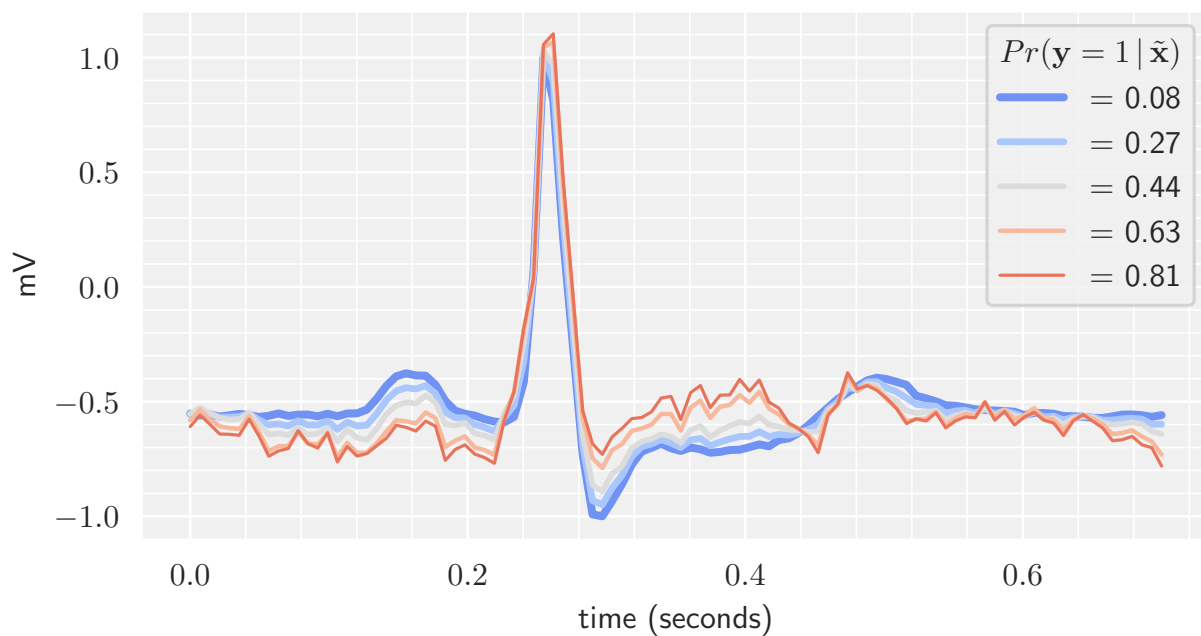
$$\mathbb{E}[(\mathbf{x} - \bar{\mathbf{x}})^2] \text{ (gen error)} \quad \text{vs} \quad \mathbb{E}[(m(\mathbf{x}) - m(\bar{\mathbf{x}}))^2] \text{ (discriminative error)}$$



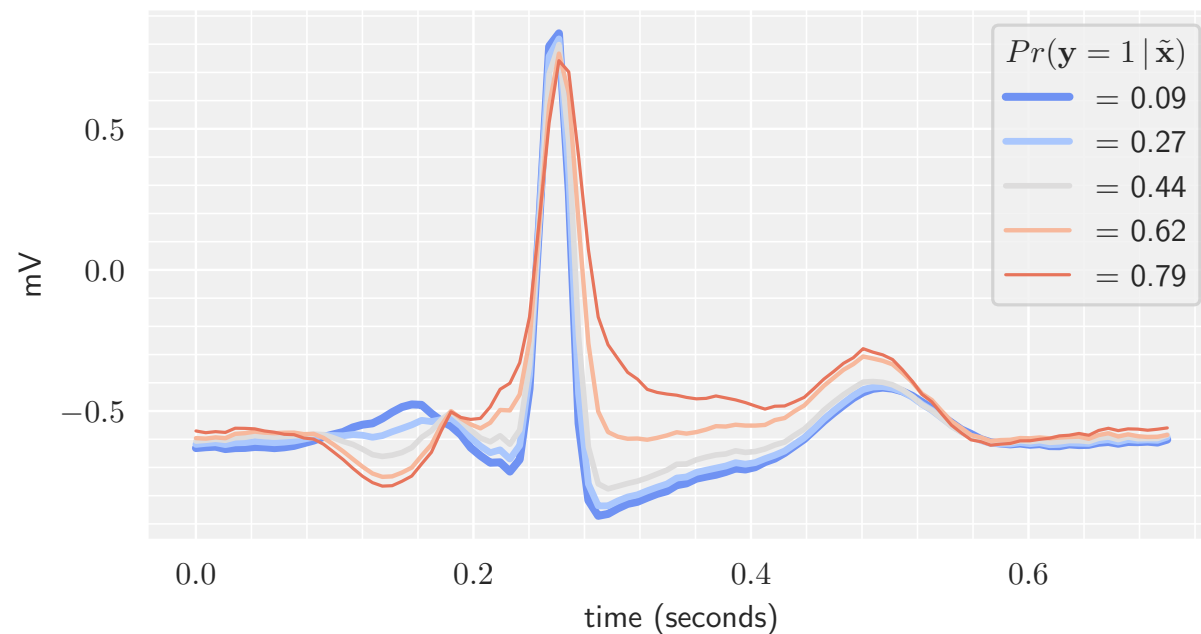
# Model-Morphs

Generate "morphing trajectory", follow model gradient in latent space

$$\mathbf{z}^{(t+1)} \leftarrow \mathbf{z}^{(t)} + \delta \cdot \frac{\partial m}{\partial \mathbf{x}} \frac{\partial \mathbf{x}}{\partial \mathbf{z}} (\mathbf{z}^{(t)})$$
$$\tilde{\mathbf{x}}^{(t+1)} \leftarrow g_{\theta}(\mathbf{z}^{(t+1)})$$



Model free



DR-VAE



# More details at the poster!

- Technical details, application, and quantitative comparisons

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